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Grants Will Assist More than 750 Laid-off Workers in Rural Northern California Find New Jobs in Growing Industries

SACRAMENTO – A total of \$3.45 million in grants from the state Employment Development Department (EDD) will help 755 laid-off workers in rural northern California find new jobs in growing industries.

“We are responding swiftly to a wave of layoffs and business closings in the region,” said EDD Director Patrick Henning. “We’re aggressively working to provide workers with the assistance they need in finding new jobs in growing industries.”

The grants include:

- A \$2 million grant awarded to the Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC), an agency that serves Butte, Del Norte, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties.
- A \$950,000 grant awarded to the North Central Counties Consortium (NCCC) who serves Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Sutter and Yuba counties.
- A \$500,000 grant awarded to the Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

By placing an emphasis on training displaced workers for demand occupations, these grants will contribute to the state’s preparation of a workforce that has the ability to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future,” said Henning.

Participants will receive on-the-job vocational and short term training in occupations in advance manufacturing, agribusiness and agricultural technology, construction technology, green building and waste management, health care, information technology, law enforcement, truck driving and diesel and auto mechanics.

Funding for the program is drawn from the Governor’s 25 percent portion of Dislocated Worker Funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act and is under the administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s EDD.

For more information, please contact the NoRTEC WIB at (530) 892-9600; NCCC WIB at (530) 822-7145; or the Humboldt County WIB at (707) 445-7745.

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